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Examiner Chikaodili E. Anyikire
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1433
Alexandria, VA

Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/536,553 filed
November 28, 2003 entitled "System for Processing Visual
Information and Method of Visual Surveillance"
Webb Ref: 3135-051655 Your Ref: 1.145.001 US

Dear Hein:

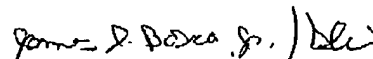
We would like to discuss the rejections to claims 16 and 25.

It is noted that on page 3 of the Office Action, the claim language is misstated as "detection means configured to observe behavior of the system" when the claim specifies means to observe behavior of the operator of the system. It is further noted that, on page 4 of the Office Action, it is stated that Trajkovic discloses detection of the behavior of the debt. It is unclear what is meant by "debt."

Trajkovic, column 7, does not disclose any detection means. The behavior of accessing the Internet is unrelated to the history information at issue in Trajkovic. It is unclear what the Examiner meant by detecting behavior. It is noted that, in Trajkovic, the user accessing the Internet is not the basis for the historical information. Rather, the historical information is in regard to crowd density. Trajkovic only mentions the Internet to explain how a user of the path-calculation system is capable of accessing the system remotely and predicting the shortest path at some time in the future. We would like to discuss how the historical information present in Trajkovic is related to the user or operator of the present system.

Concerning claim 25, the Examiner provided no specific arguments for rejection, instead, stated that arguments analogous to those presented for claim 16 are applicable to claim 25. However, the feature added to claim 25 in the last amendment involves linking the stored visual information with the operator's behavior. This linking feature is not part of claim 16 and, therefore, it is unclear how any arguments for claim 16 can be analogous to the rejection of claim 25. We would like to discuss how the arguments made in regard to claim 16 can be analogized to claim 25.

Very truly yours,



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